

Amendments to the Foreign Service Act

The Foreign Service News Letter for January 1964 contains a report that Congress last month approved four amendments to the Foreign Service Act of 1950 which are designed to simplify and improve administrative procedures. Two of these amendments seem to be of interest to this Agency. The first authorizes the Department to pay the transportation expenses of a dependent of a foreign service officer or employee who accompanies him for representational purposes on authorized travel within the country of his assignment or, at the discretion of the Secretary, outside the country of his assignment.

The second amendment of interest to this Agency relates to educational facilities and authorizes the Secretary of State to supplement present educational assistance for the children of United States citizens who are engaged in Government services abroad by providing educational facilities in those instances where none can be provided under existing statutory authority. The new amendment reads in part: "Whenever the Secretary determines that educational facilities are not available, or that existing educational facilities are inadequate, to meet the needs of children of American citizens stationed outside the United States engaged in carrying out Government activities, he is authorized, in such manner as he deems appropriate and under such regulations as he may prescribe, to establish, operate, and maintain primary schools, and school dormitories and related educational facilities for primary and secondary schools, outside the United States, or to make grants of funds for such purposes, or otherwise provide for such educational facilities."

In instances where military dependent schools, schools sponsored by AID and those operated under the direction of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs not available, the Secretary will be able, under this authority, to provide educational facilities to meet the minimum requirements for the adequate education of dependent children by whatever means is necessary, subject to available appropriations.

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Travel for One Who Accompanies an Official for Representational Purposes

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Mr. [REDACTED] suggested that we forward the attached paper to you because of your special interest in the extract relating to representational travel authorization. Mr. [REDACTED] furnished us this background material supplementary to his request that we amend Agency regulations to incorporate such travel authorization.

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